Winter 2020 – 2021 Newsletter

President’s Message:

As your Council President this will be my last article in that position. I do, however, welcome Mary Noskin and her new Executive Board. I hope that 2021 will be a new and exciting year and we will be able to enjoy the Garden Center to the fullest. Please be ready and willing to help Mary in any way that she may need help.

1. Laurie has taken on different responsibilities and as always is very busy during this time of year, right before our holiday closing. Presidents, please make sure that you have all of the information that was sent to you completed and returned to Laurie. It is extremely important that she receive your membership list with name, phone number, email etc. This is to insure that our database is kept up to date. Also, include any changes in officers. Laurie is also equipped with camera and speaker for zoom!

2. Our staff is very willing to help in any way they can. Please be patient and courteous with them, as you would want other to be towards you.

3. In Conclusion - it has been a very different year to say the least. However, with everyone working together, several new and exciting things did happen.
   A. At the end of 2019 (while closed for Christmas), Ginny Longbotham and her hard working Building Committee remodeled the Pinion room, which turned out beautiful. The remodel also included sound barriers in the ceiling. Later in the year, they worked on a new roof, new heaters and some new air conditioners.
   B. Our April Plant sale was limited and creative, Chaired by Regina Hampton and Teresa Edens. The majority of our plants came from the City Greenhouses, which were planted and nurtured by our Master Gardeners. They seeded and watered and cleaned months before the event. Cathy Clough chaired that project.
   C. In the summer, Shirley and Ginny Chaired “Pathways to our Future” selling engraved bricks for $125. as a continuing fundraiser. This is a great way to honor or recognize those we care about. The City of Albuquerque also upgraded our Handicap ramps on the East and South sides of the building.
   D. The Xeric Garden Club did an amazing job of restructuring the front of our facility. This made an amazing difference in the appearance of our beautiful gardens. Beth Herschman completed the plans for the project that was Chaired by Janet Herbst.
   E. Pam Walker, Chair of Petal Pushers Courtyard project spent many hours with her members working together, several new and improved design in our Courtyard.
   F. Mary worked on By-Laws and Standing rules to keep us in compliance with our current status.
   G. Jewel did an outstanding job as Chair of the Harvest Fair. It had a whole new twist as well, however, it was a great success showing what we do as a Garden Center for our community.

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President's Message Continued:

H. Last but not least was our Holiday Fair chaired by Regina Hampton and Teresa Edens. It had a very different look to it but it was a great success! Poinsettias, Christmas cactus, and fresh centerpieces were ordered and paid for in advance to be picked up on December 2nd and 3rd. Plants were delivered directly to the customer’s vehicles. Attached are some of those pictures.

I. We have also been blessed with some wonderful donations this year that have kept us up and running. We are always grateful to those who wish to include the Garden Center in their Estate planning.

I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday. Thank you for all you do for the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc. See you in January.

Shirley Tetreault
Council President – 2020

Incoming President Mary Noskin presents outgoing President Shirley Tetreault with a beautiful tribute to her service!
Introducing Our New President: Mary Peña Noskin

I am honored to step into the role as President of the Council of Albuquerque Gardens, Inc for 2021, following the extraordinary leadership of outgoing President Shirley Tetreault.

As we move into the new Council year, we owe a huge thanks to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors for their dedication, service, and leadership during a daunting year, as well as all our sustaining members who donated their time and talents. You are testament to the remarkable members who make up the Council; despite the uncertainties and obstacles that arose last year, we all continued to progress and have success.

I am excited to be President of CAGC for 2021; I have been a member of the Council for 11 years. I have a great passion and pride in being a Master Gardener. I look forward to collaborating with you to leverage new opportunities for growth and stability. Over the years I have had the opportunity to talk to different members, directors and employees and our conversations have increased my enthusiasm for the Garden Center and its success.

It is an honor to lead and work with the amazing team you have elected to the 2021 Executive Committee: Regina Hampton, First Vice President, Janet Dooley Second Vice President, Jewel Cutter Treasurer, Dianne Cress Recording Secretary, Amy Howard Corresponding Secretary and the three Directors, Ginny Longbotham, Dr. Margaret Menache and Shirley Tetreault. This committee, powered 100% by volunteers, brings members who have special areas of focus; each brings a diversity of thought, talent, and passion. I am honored to work with this amazing team. But nothing we do would be possible without the strong community of people that make up our member clubs and societies, who possess enough commitment and dedication to volunteer their valuable time to the Garden Center.

As I look ahead to the upcoming year and the challenges the Council will face, I would like to share one of my favorite adages: “Many hands make light work.” There is tremendous power in the size and strength of our membership and the many gifts our members bring to the Council. We have so many great people and so many opportunities as we engage and work collaboratively to grow the Council and raise the awareness of the value of the Garden Center and what its members bring and add to this community. Though our collective actions, I am confident we can fulfill our mission.

Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you for 2021. I deeply appreciate your support and encourage you to share feedback and ideas you may have.

Gratefully

Mary Peña Noskin
Council President 2021
We had some sad news to report, our member since 1985, Lois Byron passed away on Nov 23rd. Carol Stomp’s son in law passed away Dec.6th and Bev Nixon lost her brother. We send sympathy to all of the families.

Two of our members have kept busy making blankets for the Linus project. Caryl McCoy and Linda Rasley made seven blankets. Congrats to them.

Member Pam Walker applied for a Plant America grant! Thanks Pam!

Pam Walker and Carol Stomp have become council reps for the next year.

Our November zoom meeting speaker was Carlos Bustos Landivar from the Water Conservation Program and was full of information for the club.

Pam Walker and Jan Armstrong planted bulbs in the Marie Torrens Courtyard Garden, 50 Tulips, 15 snowdrops, 15 Iris (donated by the Aril and Iris Society),15 Daylilies (from the Daylily Society), and 12 Alliums, should be a beautiful spring!!

We even had a wedding in November; Joan Karrie got married to her significant other Dave. Many Congratulations to both.

No gathering was planned for December due to Covid 19, however, Santa and her elves delivered gifts to all members and collected items for Barrett House.

We are staying well, safe, holding our heads up high, and looking forward to a new year and a great spring!

Ginny Longbotham
President Petal Pushers

“Mork” supervising Ginny’s Zoom meetings
Obituary for Lois Jean Byron

Lois J. Byron of Spokane, WA, passed away on November 23, 2020. Lois was born in Lorain, Ohio in 1928 as the third child out of six to the late Don and Anna Byron. The family moved to Chicago, Illinois when Lois was in high school. After high school, Lois worked as a telephone operator before she attended the North Western School of Nursing in Evanston, Illinois where she went on to receive her master’s in nursing.

Lois then registered for the Air Force and entered active duty in 1956, stationed in Vallejo, Ca. During her 26+ years of service, she spent 15+ years as a clinical nurse and 10+ years as a Nursing Administrator. From 1958-1961 she was a Flight Nurse on the 145th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, 1602nd Air Transport Wing. Lois was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for performing 70 aeromedical evacuation missions representing 2451:40 hours and 279,440 patient miles flown over the longest single-stage overwater aeromedical evacuation in the world.

Lois retired as a Lt. Col in 1982, at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lois decided to make Albuquerque, New Mexico her home for the following 38 years, spending several of those years volunteering as a docent at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. Lois enjoyed leading school and adult groups through the museum, talking about the many exhibits, and answering the many questions that arose. Lois was also very active in the Petal Pushers Garden Club of Albuquerque, through most of her retirement years. Lois was an avid traveler and traveled all over the world. Where she did not travel to or live while in the service, she traveled to during her retirement years. In 2016, Lois moved to Spokane, Washington to be closer to family and spent the remainder of her years at Touchmark retirement community.

Lois is survived by her last remaining sibling, Kay Pacheco of Cheney Washington, as well as many nieces and nephews who all adored her. The family will hold a memorial service for Lois in the spring when it is safe for family to travel. Cheney Funeral Chapel, Cheney, WA. Online guest book at cheneyfuneral.com
High Desert Design Club:

As we quarantine and try to stay safe, our members have stayed busy being creative. Kathleen Flanders worked on several craft projects that had been in her craft room for quite some time. Pam Stern created snowmen with tumbleweeds and painted rocks. Our own Mary Noskin was installed as the new President of the Council; Jewel Cutter chaired the Harvest Fair and stayed on as Council Treasurer. Shirley, Mary and Kristen spent some time at the City Greenhouses taking care of plants for the Harvest Fair Sale. Patty Williams created beautiful artwork, and Shirley, Kate and Mary created centerpieces for the Holiday Fair. We missed our annual Christmas party but we will be make up for that soon. We are all looking forward to 2021 when we can all be together again.

Shirley Tetreault
President - HDDC
Warm greetings and healthy holiday wishes to you all! We have been pretty quiet this year due to the pandemic but held a lovely, socially distanced member garden tour during peak bloom that our attending members enjoyed immensely. We definitely missed holding our annual flower show though and hope to have one next year! We purchased a Zoom account recently in order to vote in our slate of 2021 officers by acclamation, who are:

Co-Presidents: William Ferrell, Amy Howard
Co-VP/Programs: Barbara Shapiro, Maple Levine
Treasurer: Bill Walker
Secretary: Debi Harrington
Membership: Evelyn Christy

We did hold one business meeting via Zoom in November where we compiled member photos of their gardens and favorite blooms and put them in a slideshow. It was so much fun seeing new gardens, designs and flowers we had not before and plan future installments of the same- but of course we enjoy our get-togethers the most and miss the person to person interactions and delicious potlucks. With any luck we will be able to safely hold sales and continue our mission to educate the public about daylilies in 2021!

Best,
Amy Howard

Daylily ‘Wild Berries’, Barbara Shapiro/photo
Daylily ‘My Friend Wayne’, Debi Harrington/photo
2021 Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, Inc.

Annual GIGANTIC Rummage Sale

Friday, February 26, 8 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, February 27, 8 AM to 4 PM

DONATIONS APPRECIATED:
GARDEN ITEMS & TOOLS, BOOKS, BEDDING, TOOLS, SPORTS GEAR, KITCHENWARE, DVD’S, BASKETS, COLLECTABLES, VASES, PICTURE FRAMES, ETC.

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE: Televisions, paint, household cleaning products, fertilizers or pesticides, any household chemicals or solvents, opened or used makeup, used bed pillows or ANYTHING WITH SPIDERS IN IT!

Donations accepted starting January 5th:
Albuquerque Garden Center
10120 Lomas Blvd. NE
Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs is a 501©(3) Organization

(Gently Worn Clothing/Shoes only please)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FEBRUARY 26-27, 2021  8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
ANNUAL COUNCIL RUMMAGE SALE
We will also need volunteers that entire week for pricing, cleaning and organizing.
Details to follow.
New Mexico Orchid Guild:

The New Mexico Orchid Guild continues to hold monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30PM via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email orchidsinabq@gmail.com for the link.

Our January 10th speaker will be Alfred Hockenmaier of the Orchid Society of Southern California. His topic will be “The Art of Mounted Orchid Culture”

Our February 14th speaker will be Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited. His presentation will be Neofinetia, the Living Antique.

We hope to “see” you there

Pot. Melinda Rose Funke ‘Ernie’
Grown by Joan Ross

Pleurothallis grobyi type ‘Yellow’
Grown by Kelly McCracken

May x Bc. Maikai 'Hihimanu'
Grown by Lisa Wowomay-Villanueva

Stelis ornata
Grown by Warren Perdrizet
Greetings Everyone

When this pandemic began, like so many organizations, the Cactus and Succulent Society of New Mexico (CSSNM) was compelled to cancel meetings, the spring show and sale and a members’ garden tour. By June it was clear that CSSNM needed to embrace virtual meetings that so many others already had. Although July is traditionally a vacation month for CSSNM, members decided to have their first ‘trial’ Zoom meeting then since so many meetings and events had already been missed. Members have met virtually every month since.

Which brings me to one of CSSNM’s means to meet its educational mandate--the presentation following each short business meeting. Utilizing zoom has opened the door to having speakers from all over the country as well as the world. Since July, we’ve been privileged to have speakers from as close as Tucson, AZ, and as far away as Prague, Czechia. The subjects of those talks included the amazing cacti in the Big Bend Ranch State Park in Texas, the cacti and succulents found in Baja California, Haworthias and other succulents, and how to ID cactus plants. The presentations include fantastic pictures as well as valuable information. The additional advantage to zoom presentations is that they are recorded and placed on YouTube with a link to them on the CSSNM website. They remain available for viewing for anywhere from a week to a month, depending on the wishes of the speaker.

CSSNM’s meetings and presentations remain open to the public; however, visitors need to email CSSNM to request the zoom connection information. The link to the recorded presentation appears on the CSSNM website within a few days following the meeting.

We invite you all to join us on January 15th for a presentation by Rod Haenni from the Denver area who will speak on using hardy cacti and succulents in outdoor xeric gardens. Gardeners in Albuquerque should find this presentation especially helpful. Contact information, as well as information on scheduled events can be found on the CSSNM website: www.new-mexico.cactus-society.org.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season and a new year that brings good health and an end to the pandemic.

Margaret Todd
CSSNM President
**Holiday Fair 2020 Volunteers:**

- Teresa Edens
- Gayle Smart
- Kate Yu
- Mary Noskin
- Janise Baldo
- Poinsettias
- Margo Murdock
- Kathy Clough

**Garden Shop:**

**GARDEN SHOP**

**ALL BULBS 30% OFF**

The best time to plant bulbs is when temperatures are between 40°F to 50°F. Fall planting should be done about six weeks before the ground freezes and spring planting will require a period of chilling (refrigerating) before you plant. Root growth for most spring bulbs is 33°F.

Thank you for your continued support of the Council Garden Shop. 2021 will be brighter. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Regina Hampton
Shop Manager/1st VP
Library Book Club – Get Involved!

Meetings are generally held on the first Monday (unless there is a holiday) at 4:00 pm.

What we’re reading now. For details on the books below, contact Margaret (Library@AlbuquerqueGardenCenter.org) for more information and the Zoom link.

4 January: The Plant Messiah, Carlos Magdalena

1 February: Demons in Eden: the Paradox of Plant Diversity, Jonathan Silvertown

1 March: Sproutlands: Tending the Endless Gift of Trees, William Bryant Logan

5 April AND 3 May: The Story of Corn, Betty Fussell
Albuquerque African Violet Club – COVID Ain’t Gonna Stop Us!!!

The COVID virus may be putting a halt to many of our normal activities, but it won’t stop our violets from blooming, looking beautiful, and giving us joy! Violets, being the non-seasonal bloomers that they are, love this time of year and blooming like crazy!

Since most of us are home, now seems like this is a perfect time for a club plant project. Today we distributed a dozen baby violets to our members who will grow them and show them (or… show them off) at every meeting in the upcoming months. Below are pictures of our babies.

Since we are holding our meetings via Zoom, it will be easier to show off our babies than it is in in-person meetings where the violets have to be transported.

Speaking of Zoom meetings, I would like to invite you to join us at our next Zoom meeting on January 12, 2021 at 1:00. After a brief business meeting, the presentation will be on how to get your violets to bloom in 12 weeks. The link to our meetings is on our home page at http://albuquerqueafricanvioletclub.org.
Join us in our new fundraiser and become a part of the Pathways to Our Future!

Name a brick for $125.00 and become a part of the Los Altos Garden!

Contact Laurie Rivera at (505)-296-6020 or abqgardenctr@swcp.com for more information.